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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 - Opening of the Conference

The Conference will be opened on the morning of 27 March 2000 by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD or his representative.

Item 3 - Adoption of the rules of procedure

The provisional rules of procedure, issued by the UNCTAD secretariat, are contained in document TD/JUTE.3/2.

Item 4 - Election of officers

Rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that the Conference shall elect a President and two Vice-Presidents. The Conference may elect the President from among the representatives, or it may elect as its President a person other than a representative of a participant. It is proposed that one Vice-President should be elected from among the representatives of importers, and one from among the representatives of exporters.

Item 5 - Credentials of representatives

Rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that the credentials of representatives of States participating in the Conference and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, if possible not later than 24 hours after the opening of the Conference. Rule 4 provides that a Credentials Committee, consisting of five members appointed by the Conference on the proposal of the President, shall examine the credentials of representatives. It is proposed in this connection that the Conference should establish a Credentials Committee.

Item 6 - Establishment of an Executive Committee and of other committees as required

Rule 47 provides that the Conference may establish such Committees, sub-committees and working parties as may be necessary for the work of the Conference. It is proposed in this connection that the Conference should establish an Executive Committee of the whole to deal with items 7 and 8 of the provisional agenda in closed session. The Executive Committee may set up such sub-committees or working parties as it deems necessary. It is further proposed that the Executive Committee establish a Legal Drafting Committee.

Item 7 - Preparation of a successor agreement to the International Agreement on Jute and Jute Products, 1989

The Conference will have before it a draft text of a new agreement (TD/JUTE.3/R.1) prepared by the secretariat of the International Jute Organization, which the International Jute Council, at its twenty-eighth session in February 2000, agreed should be forwarded to UNCTAD as a basic document for the renegotiation. The Conference will also have before it two background documents prepared by the secretariat of the International Jute Organization for the third session of the Preparatory Committee. The documents are entitled "Summary of the principal issues to be considered in the negotiation of a successor Agreement" (TD/JUTE.3/R.2) and "Compendium of background information" (TD/JUTE.3/R.3).

Item 8 - Consideration and adoption of final resolutions

The Conference may wish to adopt a final resolution forwarding the successor Agreement for deposit to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Item 9 - Other business